

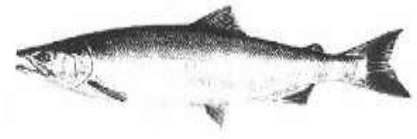
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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #6

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Within the Southern District, waters of the Barabara Creek Subdistrict, the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, the Halibut Cove Subdistrict and the Seldovia Bay Subdistrict remain open to commercial salmon set gillnet fishing on a regular schedule of two 48-hour fishing periods per week, from 6:00 AM Monday until 6:00 AM Wednesday, and from 6:00 AM Thursday until 6:00 AM Saturday until further notice. Waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict, including both the Port Graham and English Bay sections, will remain **CLOSED** to commercial salmon set gillnet fishing until further notice as a precautionary measure to protect sockeye salmon returning to English Bay lakes. These areas may open to commercial harvest when spawning escapement levels are consistently tracking to meet the Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) of 6,000 – 13,500 fish for this system and provide limited broodstock for Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association. Through June 13, a total of 641 fish had passed the English Bay River weir. This is in the lower end of the SEG range of 574 – 1,292 fish total for this date that is desired to reach a final escapement that occurs within the SEG range of 6,000-13,500 fish for the season. This year's and recent harvests are below,

Southern District set gillnet commercial salmon harvest: this year, last year and previous 10-year average.

Period				Sockeye			Chinook			Chum		
Pd. #	Stat. Week	Dates	Del.	10-yr avg.	2012 harvest	2013 harvest	10-yr avg.	2012 harvest	2013 harvest	10-yr avg.	2012 harvest	2013 harvest
1	23	6/3 - 6/5	5	843	429	1,777	63	4	20	9	15	29
2	24	6/6 - 6/8	8	731	519	3,406	67	10	15	13	6	47
3		6/10 - 6/12	13	898	565	3,383	43	16	18	20	33	78
total				2,472	1,513	8,566	174	30	53	42	54	154

EASTERN DISTRICT: Through Wednesday, June 12 a total of 33,000 sockeye salmon have been harvested for CIAA cost recovery. This compares to an anticipated 57,658 for this date based on historic run timing where 82% have been harvested by this date and a projected return of 71,000 fish for this year. All other commercial salmon fishing in the Eastern District remains **CLOSED**.

KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT: In the Kamishak Bay District, the Chenik and Bruin Bay Subdistricts will close to commercial harvest on Sunday, June 16 at 11:59 PM. The Chenik Subdistrict is closing in anticipation of the sockeye salmon return to Chenik lake and will reopen to commercial harvest when escapement is within the sustainable escapement goal range for this system. The Bruin Bay Subdistrict is closing to allow cost recovery harvest of sockeye salmon returning to the Kirschner Lake SHA. Portions of the Bruin Bay Subdistrict may reopen later in the season to harvest pink salmon returning to Bruin Bay, or if the CIAA cost recovery goal is attained. Other waters in this district with the exception of the McNeil and Paint River subdistricts remain open to commercial salmon seining seven days per week, until further notice. An aerial survey was flown on June 12 with no salmon observed.

SEINE FISHERIES: Limited portions of the Southern District may open for restricted periods of time beginning on July 1. Portions of the Seldovia and Port Graham District are anticipated to open on or after July 22 for harvest targeting returning pink salmon. The Port Dick Subdistrict will open when aerial surveys document adequate levels of salmon to support sustained commercial harvest. Further information regarding anticipated returns and management strategy may be found in the 2013 LCI Management Outlook available here:
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/home/news/pdfs/newsreleases/cf/251951890.pdf>

Closed waters as established by emergency order 2-F-H-001-13 on May 1, 2013 are listed below:

5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters. (a) Salmon may not be taken in any of the waters listed in this section.

(d) Southern District

(1) northeast of a line from a point at 59° 44.43' N. lat., 151° 02.80' W. long., to a point on the shore one-half statute mile southwest of the terminus of Swift Creek at 59° 47.15' N. lat., 151° 05.45' W. long.;

(2) waters of China Poot Bay south and east of a line beneath the Homer Electric Association power line from a point on the north shore of the north arm of China Poot Bay at 59° 33.92' N. lat., 151° 15.42' W. long., to a point on the peninsula between the north and south arm of China Poot Bay at 59° 33.47' N. lat., 151° 15.71' W. long., to a point on the south shore of the south arm of China Poot Bay at 59° 33.21' N. lat., 151° 16.46' W. long.;

(3) waters of Sadie Cove south of 59° 30.00' N. lat.;

(4) waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59° 25.50' N. lat.;

(5) waters of Jakolof Bay south of 59° 28.07' N. lat.;

(6) waters of Seldovia Bay south of a line from 59° 25.09' N. lat., 151° 42.57' W. long., to 59° 24.84' N. lat., 151° 43.06' W. long.;

(7) waters of Port Graham Bay south of 59° 20.44' N. lat.;

(8) Northshore Subdistrict.

(e) Kamishak Bay District

(1) waters of Cottonwood Bay west of a line from 59° 38.39' N. lat., 153° 39.41' W. long., to 59° 37.68' N. lat., 153° 39.51' W. long.;

(2) Waters of Chenik Lagoon south and west of 59° 13.42' N. lat., 154° 07.32' W. long.;

(3) Waters of Iniskin Bay north of a line from 59° 46.05' N. lat., 153° 27.82' W. long., to 59° 46.69' N. lat., 153° 26.01' W. long.;

(4) Waters of Right Arm in Iniskin Bay east of a line from 59° 43.93' N. lat., 153° 22.83' W. long., To 59° 42.90' N. lat., 153° 22.86' W. long.;

(5) Waters of Ursus Cove west of a line from 59° 32.43' N. lat., 153° 46.06' W. long., to 59° 31.20' N. lat., 153° 45.74' W. long.;

(f) Outer District

(1) waters of Port Chatham east of a line from 59° 13.32' N. lat., 151° 43.41' W. long., to 59° 12.59' N. lat., 151° 43.55' W. long.;

(2) waters of Windy Bay west of 151° 32.85' W. long.;

(3) waters of Taylor Bay north of 59° 18.00' N. lat.;

(4) waters of Tacoma Cove and Sunday Harbor east of 151° 01.15' W. long.;

(5) waters of Koyuktolik (Dogfish Bay) east of a line from 59° 14.45' N. lat., 151° 52.72' W. long., to 59° 14.25' N. lat., 151° 52.90' W. long.;

(6) waters of Chugach Bay west of a line from 59° 11.36' N. lat., 151° 37.57' W. long., to 59° 11.03' N. lat., 151° 37.25' W. long.;

(7) waters of Rocky Bay inshore of a line from 59° 14.92' N. lat., 151° 23.82' W. long., to 59° 14.72' N. lat., 151° 23.32' W. long.;

(8) waters of Port Dick west of a line from 59° 18.16' N. lat., 151° 17.33' W. long., to 59° 18.60' N. lat., 151° 17.10' W. long.;

(9) waters of Middle Creek north of a line from 59° 18.18' N. lat., 151° 12.13' W. long., to 59° 18.08' N. lat., 151° 13.13' W. long.;

(10) waters of Island Creek inshore of a line from 59° 17.09' N. lat., 151° 08.78' W. long., to 59° 17.11' N. lat., 151° 08.30' W. long. and inshore of a line from 59° 17.04' N. lat., 151° 08.06' W. long., to 59° 16.88' N. lat., 151° 07.15' W. long., and including the waters northwest of the island between these two lines;

(11) waters of McCarty Fjord north of a line from 59° 37.52' N. lat., 150° 19.18' W. long., to 59° 37.03' N. lat., 150° 17.01' W. long.;

(12) waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict east of a line from a point north of the entrance to McCarty Lagoon at 59° 32.76' N. lat., by 150° 20.20' W. long. to a point offshore of the entrance of McCarty Lagoon at 59° 32.45' N. lat., by 150° 21.00' W. long., to a point south of the entrance of McCarty Lagoon at 59° 31.90' N. lat., by 150° 21.00' W. long.;

(13) waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict east of a line from a point north of the entrance to Desire Lake creek at 59° 35.02' N. lat., by 150° 17.86' W. long. to a point south of the entrance to Desire Lake creek at 59° 34.68' N. lat., by 150° 17.95' W. long.;

(g) Eastern District

(1) waters of Resurrection Bay west of a line from a point near the old military dock pilings on the west shore of Resurrection Bay north of Caines Head at 60° 00.48' N. lat., 149° 24.20' W. long., to a point near the Seward Airport at 60° 07.49' N. lat., 149° 24.72' W. long.;

(2) king and coho salmon may not be taken in waters of Resurrection Bay north of a line from Cape Resurrection (59° 52.00' N. lat., 149° 16.71' W. long.) to Aialik Cape (59° 42.39' N. lat., 149° 31.29' W. long.);

(3) waters of Aialik Bay north of 59° 53.47' N. lat.

(h) In any bay, estuary, slough, or lagoon less than 300 feet in width at mean low tide.

(i) In all other streams or rivers within 500 yards of the terminus or as specified in 5AAC 39.290.

The next scheduled salmon commercial fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 21.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.